

## WITNESS ACCUSES CHICAGO TITLE & TRUST CO. OF CONSPIRING AGAINST STREETER

Further proof that the \$10,000,000 Chicago Title & Trust Co., a group of Lake Shore drive millionaires and the Chicago Police dep't are in a conspiracy to "finish" Capt. George Wellington Streeter, founder of Streeterville," was given this morning in Judge Barrett's court by Frank Keighr, former custodian of property of the Title & Trust Co.

Keighr also dragged in the name of City Custodian De Witt C. Cregier, son of a former mayor, pal of the Title & Trust Co. and claimant of Lake Shore drive property. Keighr said that at the request of the Trust company Cregier furnished guns to men to watch Streeter.

At the conclusion of Keighr's testimony Geo. Remus, counsel for Streeter, announced that he would appeal to Federal Judge Landis for an injunction to restrain the seekers of "Streeterville" property from carrying out their plans to drive "Cap" out of Chicago or place him behind the bars. He said he would ask Landis to make a full investigation.

Keighr was the first witness at the morning session of trial of Streeter on a charge of assaulting with intent to kill Det. Serg. Wm. Freeman during a police raid on "Streeterville" on Nov. 15, 1915.

The witness testified that in May, 1915, Sherman Spitzer, an official of the Title & Trust Co., told him that he and two other men must pitch a tent on "Streeterville" and keep an eye on "Cap."

Keighr said Spitzer then took him and Harry Deegan and Jos. Kipper to Cregier's office in the City Hall and that Cregier fixed them up with guns confiscated by the city from gunmen. Keighr said Cregier remarked: "You boys want to keep good watch over there, you know I'm interested in that property." Spitzer then took the three to Deputy Chief

Schuetzler's office and got them permits to carry deadly weapons.

Keighr asked Spitzer, he said, what would happen if he got into a fight with Streeter and killed the old man.

"Don't worry about," he said Spitzer replied, "remember the Chicago Title & Trust Co. is worth \$10,000,000 and it will stand behind you."

"Well suppose I get killed?" asked Keighr.

"Then the company will take care of those dependent on you," replied Spitzer.

Forty city policemen and fifty employees then aided Keighr in putting up his tent and watching Streeter, he testified. Keighr remained in "Streeterville" until after the police raid in Nov. 15, when the police arrested Streeter after beating him into unconsciousness with their revolvers and shooting and badly wounding Mrs. Herman Holtz, wife of a Streeter follower. Keighr then quit after the company said they were going to reduce his pay.

Streeter today called the police "thieves" and accused them of being on the payroll of millionaires who are trying to grab his property."

### BITS OF NEWS

Rothschild & Co. auto truck burned up at Catalpa and Clark today. Wires shorted.

Horace E. Jackson, broker who nearly perished when lost for five days in Northern Minnesota woods, back in Chicago.

Miss Rose Berger, 32, 1235 Penn, seamstress, believed disappointed in love, a suicide. Left note saying Martin Kroshi, who lives in same building "is to suffer for thing I do."

Fire, Wilson & Co. building, stockyards, drove 150 employees to street. Loss \$1,000.

Consumers' Co. office, 1814 S. Western av., looted of \$175. Third time it has been robbed.